**Text-Dependent Question Stems**

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| ***Appropriate for Fiction Only*** |
| * What were (character’s) feelings when (this event/dialogue) occurred? What clues helped you know? * Using support from the text, (how/why) does (character/action/item/feeling) change in the (story/from event 1 to event 2/when a particular event occurs)? * Which (targeted area of text) best shows what changed \_\_\_\_\_\_’s feelings about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * In (targeted area of the text) (character) is (character trait). What evidence in the text supports this statement? * Which (targeted area of the text) (best describes/supports) the theme of the (text/selection/poem)? * According to the (targeted area of the text), what does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ represent? * What (details/targeted area of the text) supports the central message of the text/selection? * What evidence from the text can you find to decide on the setting of the selection? * What clues from the text helped you determine the setting of the story? |

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| ***Appropriate for Fiction & Non-fiction*** |
| * What is the meaning of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in (targeted area of the text)? * In (targeted area of the text), which word could replace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * In (targeted area of text) which word means the same as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * What does (character say/author include) that suggests \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * According to (targeted area of the text) what/how does the (author/narrator/character) feel about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Using evidence from the text, what was (character/author/speaker)’s reaction to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Which (targeted area of the text) shows that the (speaker/author/character) is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * How does the (speaker’s/author’s/character’s) description of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ show their (view/feeling) about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * How does (character/author/speaker) feel toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in (targeted area of the text)? * In (targeted area of the text), what does (character/author/speaker) mean when (he/she/they) says \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Which (targeted area of the text) best describes the (speaker’s/author’s/character’s) point of view about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Which (targeted area of the text) supports the (author’s/character’s/speaker’s) claim that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * What sentences from (targeted area of the text) support the main idea? * Which (targeted area of the text) best summarizes the (text/selection/poem)? * Which (targeted area from the text) explains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * What question is answered in (targeted area of the text)? * Which (target area of the text) from the (story/poem/article) shows/tells \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * According to the (targeted area of the text), what is true about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Which (targeted area from the text) helps the reader infer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Which (targeted area of the text) supports the (inference/idea) that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Which quotation from the book tells/shows/explains (a relationship between something/a particular feeling/a character trait/motivation for an action)? * According to the text, what is a (similarity/difference) between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * What is the (similarity/difference) between (targeted area of text) and (targeted area of text)? * Based on (targeted area of text), how are (character/event/item/phenomenon/etc.) and (character/event/item/phenomenon/etc.) (similar/alike/different)? * The text/character says, “\_\_\_\_\_”. What can be found in the text that caused this (feeling/description/action) to happen? * Based on evidence from the text, what effect did \_\_\_\_\_\_ have on \_\_\_\_\_\_? * What is the relationship between (two different targeted areas of the text)? * According to the selection, what was the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * In (targeted area of the text), what is the significance of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? * Why does the author (start with/end with/include a particular text feature, word, or phrase/repeat) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_? What clues from the text help you know? * How did the author’s word choice in (targeted area of the text) impact the story? * What information can you gain from the (specific text feature)? * How did (specific text feature) help you to understand the text? * What genre is this selection? What clues in the text help you know? * Which quotation from the (poem/story/text) helps the reader picture \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? |